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Suspected False Information

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1. AF Sec CIC 10 Aug 1, Reference Lirz Report No. L-15442,
Lins 49 dated 2 August 1949, regarding Yugoslav Air
Force. (2 July 49)

2. a. The information as reported in Report L-15442, has been discovered to be full of inaccuracies. To date there have been no confirmed indications of a 6th AIR DIV existing in the Yugoslav Air Force, and, if in existence, it is certainly not at ZELJUN. Since the TITO-COINFORM rift, the Yugoslav Air Force has sought desperately to keep her five divisions up to strength. Probably if the rift had not occurred, the 6th AIR DIV might have materialized.

b. ZELJUN is the location of the Yugoslav Air Force High Command, and the AIR TRANSPORT REGT is located at ZELJUN Airfield. The TRANSPORT REGT is equipped with 25 to 30 aircraft. (DC-3, and JU-52 types). There have never been more than 12 fighter aircraft located at ZELJUN permanently, as confirmed by a recent survey of the ZELJUN Airfield by the Air Attaché in BELGRADE (date of observation July 1949). There have been no confirmed reports of a paratroop unit being located at ZELJUN.

c. The 112 AIR REGIMENT (not 112 AIR SQUADRON as reported in L-15442), is subordinate to the 3rd AIR FORCE DIV which has its headquarters located at POSTAV. The 112 AIR REGT is located at LJUBLJANA equipped with approximately 30 YAK aircraft.

d. The following aircraft as reported in report are false: LA-7, IL-2, IL-10, and IL-18. None of those have ever been equipment of the Yugoslav Air Force. The tri-notorod aircraft were undoubtedly JU-52 aircraft, but this office will not accept such aircraft, as part of the equipment of a tactical unit in Yugoslav Air Force, other than the AIR TRANSPORT REGT located at ZELJUN.

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3. a. As stated, the report is full of false statements, distinctly lowering the estimate of reliability of source by this office. The report is believed to be from a source similar to that utilized by "FORT WORTH". The information is not identical to the information received through "FORT WORTH", but does overlap in the type of information, with the usual inaccuracies. A careful study of source and sub-source, if possible, would probably be of great value to all concerned.

b. USIS has received a report similar to L-15442, which contains information similar in both form and content. This office believes the information contained in Report No. L-15442, dated 2 August 1947, to be wholly false. It appears that this information is "drifting" about the zone at present (USIS claims to have received their copy from the LANDES SICHERHEITSDIRKITION in SALZBURG.)

4. Recommend detailed investigation of the actual source of this information.

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